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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please substitute the enclosed substitute sheet of drawing containing Fig. 3 for the originally filed sheet of drawing containing Fig. 3. Fig. 3 was amended to change the reference numeral 46 to 56 and add the reference numeral 55.

In the specification, please substitute the following amended paragraph [0008] for paragraph [0008] as originally filed.

[0008] The stereo microscope of this invention includes a housing or hollow elongated body 26 having a pair of oculars 27. Each ocular has a lens assembly 28 and is pivotally mounted at 29 and 30 so that both oculars move in a common plane. Adjacent an end of each ocular is a prism assembly 31. An objective lens 32 is mounted in the housing at an end opposite the pair of oculars. Located between the prism assemblies 31 and the objective lens 32 is a lens magnification changer 33. The lens magnification changer is rotatively mounted at 34. A first series of bores 35 extend diametrically through the lens magnification changer 33 and with all bores located in a common plane. Two or more of these bores contain a lens assembly. A second series of bores 36 extend diametrically through the lens magnification chamber 33 and all located in a common plane. Two or more of these second series of bores contain a lens assembly. A line of sight is established through each ocular 27 to a prism assembly 31, through one of the bores of

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